

CONTESTS BEGIN FOR SENATE SEATS IN MANY STATES

Thirty-one Members' Terms Will Expire on March 3, 1909.

Roosevelt Favored to Succeed Senator Platt, of New York.

Contests are already on in a number of States for the seats of the thirty-one Senators whose terms will expire March 3, 1909. Primary elections or elections of Legislatures, the coming summer and fall will settle most of these contests, some of which will be exciting and spectacular in the extreme.

One of these contests will be in Oklahoma, over the seat now occupied by Senator Thomas P. Gore, the blind member of the upper house. Senator Gore was unfortunate in drawing lots in the Senate recently to determine whether he should serve for two, four or six years. He drew a slip that entitled him to but a two-year period, and consequently he has a fight on his hands for election for the full term.

Oklahoma Aspirants.

There are plenty of aspirants for the Senate in the new and vigorous population of Oklahoma, and among them are some strong men. It is said Governor Haskell will make up his mind to be a candidate. Haskell is the man who by sheer ability and force dominated the constitutional convention, and if he goes in quest of a Senate seat he will be a hard man to beat. Several other politicians, prominent in the affairs of the new State, are considered likely to enter the race.

The term of Senator Thomas C. Platt of New York will end in March, 1909, and it is a foregone conclusion that he will step down and out of public life at the expiration of his term. President Roosevelt has aspirations to sit in the Senate from New York, and is generally regarded as the probable successor of Mr. Platt. Undoubtedly, the politics now being played in New York State, involving the selection of the 1908 delegation from there, is a spectacular campaign that will attract national notice. Senator Allison wants a seventh term. Governor Cummins, who has been the leader of the reform movement in the Republican party in his State for years, is ambitious for the Senate. Senator Dooliver has lined up with Senator Allison, and has the support of a majority of the Iowa delegation in Congress. Governor Cummins will soon enter the campaign personally. He will take the stump and direct his attention less to Senator Allison than to the railroad and corporation influences that have always opposed Cummins and are now fighting him.

Kittredge Has Opponent.

In South Dakota there is a contest already on over the seat now occupied by Senator Alfred B. Kittredge. Senator Kittredge has a strong opponent in the person of Gov. Coe I. Crawford, who was elected through the reform movement in South Dakota. Senator Kittredge is charged with being unfriendly to the Administration policies and hostile to President Roosevelt. This has been used against him with effect in South Dakota, and he will have a hard fight for re-election. In North Dakota Senator Henry C. Haubach is engaged in a hard struggle for re-election. Senator Haubach started for North Dakota a few days ago to look after his political fences. Several candidates are opposed to him, among them Representative Marshall. Senator Charles W. Fulton of Oregon has a fight on in the primaries of his own party. There are several candidates against him. If he wins in the primaries the contest will go to the polls, and Gov. George E. Chamberlain will be the Democratic candidate. Senator Joseph E. Chamberlain, chairman of the District Committee, will have opposition in New Hampshire. Frank B. Street, a prominent lawyer of Concord, is seeking to come to the Senate in his place.

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Wife's Accusations In Divorce Petition Denied by Husband



MRS. CLARA J. GROSS.

Whose Husband Has Filed an Answer to the Divorce Petition in Which She Charged Him With Cruelty and Frequent Intoxication.

Gross Says He Did Not Swim Sans Clothes or Beat Her.

A divorce case replete with sensational charges and counter-charges will engage the attention of the District Supreme Court after the 1908 calendar is taken up, and the plea of Mrs. Clara J. Gross for a divorce from Henry J. Gross, a real estate man, is given a hearing. The husband filed his answer to the charges of his wife, in which he denies the unusual charges brought by her.

The petition of Mrs. Gross alleges that she found it necessary to separate from her husband on October 15 because he was prone to become intoxicated, that he treated her unkindly, and that he was guilty of acts of infidelity. She names two co-respondents.

Treated Fairly Decently. Her husband, she alleges, treated her in a "fairly decent way after they were first married, but even then was at times quarrelsome and disagreeable." The marriage took place in 1890. He began drinking, she asserts, about five years ago, and frequently during the last two years came home "in a beastly state of intoxication." He would begin to drink the wife claims, after office hours, and continue until late at night.

Among the other improper acts of which the husband now stands accused by his wife, is that in July, 1902, while the two were at St. George's Island, down the Potomac, and were out in a small boat in company with two colored men, her husband "stripped and jumped overboard and swam about in the complainant's presence and in the presence of the two negro men, to the plaintiff's great mortification and shame, and so that even the colored men were overcome with shame and disgust."

Beat Her Head on Wall. Again in Boston in September, 1906, Mrs. Gross alleges that her husband became angry and, pounded her head against the wall of their bedroom in a hotel and that when she endeavored to escape to a room occupied by two young women, she was locked in the room and kept there for some time.

On January 29 she says that her husband put her out of their flat in the Plaza, while she was clad in her night robes. After this, the wife alleges, he promised to do better and did so for about two months, but again began to drink heavily. In early August the husband is charged with coming home with a friend and kicking and assaulting his wife in the presence of the friend.

On August 21, she says the two were at Atlantic City, when she was again locked in her room by her husband. On this trip the husband is charged with forbidding his wife to lower the window shade and causing her to drowse in plain view of the street, greatly to her "shame and humiliation."

Strayed From Home Fireside. The complainant then charges that about six months ago he began to visit undesirable localities in this city, and one in Baltimore, and that finally on account of his unfaithfulness she was obliged to leave him October 15 in order to maintain her self-respect. Since that time she says that she has been residing with her mother.

On her petition and by agreement of counsel the court, pending a hearing of the case, has allowed Mrs. Gross \$40 per month alimony and \$50 for attorney's fees.

Mr. Gross has entered a sweeping denial to these charges and alleges on the other hand that his wife's extravagance of late has made his home life disagreeable, but he has been forced to assume a number of debts, and that furthermore his wife has been accustomed to flirting with men and that she herself has drunk to excess.

He was surprised, he states, when she left their apartments without notice, and knew nothing of her intention to do

WOMAN IS KILLED BY HORSE'S FEET

Alighted From Car and Was Crushed to Death Instantly.

Knocked down and trampled upon by a four-horse team driven by John W. Thomas, of 1219 Half street southwest, Virginia Simpson, colored, sixty years of age, of 229 Third street northeast, was almost instantly killed about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the corner of North Capitol and I streets northwest. The colored woman had just alighted from a street car and seemed to be in a dazed condition, starting for one side of the street and then turning and walking to the other. Thomas, it is said, drove his team rapidly down North Capitol street near the car tracks and before he could turn his horses aside, the woman had been knocked down.

Officer J. L. Gibson, of the Sixth precinct, placed Thomas under arrest immediately. He will be held at the Sixth precinct station until Coroner Nevitt makes an investigation.

MARINE CORPS FILLED; MONEY FAMINE DOES IT

The recent industrial depression is attributed by General Elliott, commandant of the Marine Corps, as the cause of his being able to recruit the corps up to the full allotted strength.

July 1 last the Marine Corps was short 400 enlisted men. For a year or more previous to that the corps had ranged from 300 to 350 short of the authorized strength, and at the end of the last fiscal year the situation seemed almost hopeless.

Advertising on all billboards was resorted to, but without the desired success. New recruiting stations were opened in different parts of the country, but apparently there was a lack of interest in that branch of the service. The Marine Corps is usually more attractive to recruits for naval service than the navy proper, for the reason that the men are sent over the world as much as sailors, but are not confined to ship duty so extensively.

When preparations were made to send the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific efforts were at once put forth to obtain recruits in order to have a full complement of marines aboard each of the ships. At the last moment this was not only accomplished, but the officials were able to put about 200 additional men in order to send them around to San Francisco for duty with the Pacific fleet.

General Elliott notified Secretary Metcalf today that at last the corps had been completely filled, and he hoped to maintain it henceforth at full strength. The billboard advertising has been discontinued.

CHAMPION OF LABOR TO ADDRESS WORKERS

The Rev. Charles Steile, of New York city, is to be the speaker at a mass meeting for men in Belasco Theater this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The meeting is under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association and the active co-operation of the Central Labor Union insures the attendance of a very large number of trades unionists of Washington and vicinity.

Mr. Steile, as secretary of the Department of Church and Labor in the Presbyterian denomination, has done much to bring about a better understanding both between capital and labor within the denomination, and between the church and the workingman generally. He will speak on "Labor's Champion," and the meeting is free to all men.

The Y. M. C. A. orchestra will furnish the musical program, assisted by the Lyric Male Quartet of Baltimore.

QUEEN VICTORIA OF SPAIN AT ODDS WITH KAISER

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The Queen of Spain is at loggerheads with her uncle, the Emperor of Germany, as she has never forgiven him for having tried to prevent her marriage with Alfonso XIII. It is probable, therefore, that when Alfonso XIII goes to Berlin shortly the Queen will not accompany him.

SHANGHAIED BOY RETURNING HOME

Frisco Lad Free After Being British Prisoner Two Years.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 28.—Howard Ray, a fifteen-year-old boy on his way to San Francisco, hoping to find his home and parents, whom he left before the earthquake in April, 1906, told a sensational story of adventure as a sailor, of being shanghaied by the crew of a British ship, and of being mistreated by a United States consul in Brazil, to whom he applied for relief, when he asked for lodging in the police station here.

When thirteen years old, he said, he shipped as cabin boy at San Francisco on the steamship Chill, bound for Cape Town. As cabin boy and as ordinary seaman, often performing the full duties of a grown man, he worked his way on different ships to Sydney, Melbourne, and many other ports, finally landing at Rio Janeiro, where he was seized with a desire to return home. He shipped on a boat bound for Norfolk, Va., and reached that port without adventure, and got his pay for the voyage and his discharge.

Walking through the streets of Norfolk, he says, he was suddenly seized by sailors from the British coal steamer Titania, and carried aboard, where he was kept prisoner for several days until the ship sailed. Then he was released and put to work as a sailor. The ship was short of men, and he was forcibly taken on as a recruit.

In course of time he was again in Rio de Janeiro, where he complained to the United States consul. That official, the lad avers, gave him curt treatment, hushed up the fact of his having been shanghaied, after several conferences with the British consul, and finally refused to assist him to get back to the United States, because he could not produce proof that he was an American citizen.

The British consul, the lad says, found him a chance to work his way to New York, where he arrived a few days ago. He stole his way to Altoona, Pa., on freight trains, he says, and the authorities at the latter place gave him transportation to Pittsburgh. He hopes to get help here, and at other points that will take him to San Francisco. Whether he will find his parents there he does not know. He has heard nothing from them since the earthquake.

POLICE BAFFLED BY NOLAN MYSTERY

Deed Disposing of Her Property Repudiated by Spinster.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The police have redoubled their efforts to solve the supposed mystery surrounding the removal of Miss Anna Nolan, the aged wealthy woman, from her home at 1221 Fifty-ninth street, in a dying condition.

All day today the officers of the law, spurred by the finding of a warranty deed to valuable property, signed by Miss Nolan, but repudiated by her, conducted a rigid investigation.

Miss Nolan, who is sixty-three years old, is dying at St. Bernard's Hospital. This deed, which was filed for record, transfers all the aged spinster's property to Ruth E. Barnes, which is the maiden name of the nurse, Mrs. Ruth E. Laughlin, who was married twice.

An attempted purchase of poison for Miss Nolan was another development in the case, which involves Mrs. Laughlin, Attorney M. D. Brown, eighty-five years old, and A. F. Kelley, a broker. They were accused by the police with having furnished Miss Nolan liquor until she is at the point of death.

Attorney Brown said today that the poison was prescribed by a reputable physician and was to have been used in small quantities to stimulate the action of the heart.

The police say Miss Nolan was kidnapped from her home in Fifty-ninth street, kept a virtual prisoner by drugs and other agencies for over a month at 25 Chicago avenue, where Brown, Mrs. Laughlin, and Kelley boarded at the home of Mrs. Kate Hymes, State's Attorney Healy will investigate the matter of conspiracy.

EUGENE F. O'ROURKE DEAD; KNOWN TO UNION PRINTERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Eugene F. O'Rourke, well known to every union printer in the United States, died today after a lingering illness. Mr. O'Rourke was about sixty-five years old. He was a delegate from the American Federation of Labor to the British Trades Union Congress and a member of the ex-Delegates' Association.

SHIPS OF FUGITIVES STRANDED ON REEF

New Orleans Financiers, With \$24,000 Booty, Halt- ed In Flight.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 28.—The steamship Alps, carrying William Adler and Moses Schwartz, New Orleans' fleeing financiers, is on the rocks of a reef in the Caribbean sea.

There, on Glover's reef, fifty miles this side of their goal, in Porto Cortes, Honduras, the vessel of the financiers faces wreck, while her mate is in Belize, a neighboring Mexican port, to seek aid from the maritime department of the United Fruit Company. By this time assistance has doubtless been dispatched to the vessel bearing the banker, the foundryman, and their \$24,000 cargo of groceries from the storehouses of the New Orleans Grocery, it self wrecked by the operations which preceded their flight.

The first notice of the sudden end of the voyage of the Alps came in a telegram from Belize to C. H. Ellis, general manager of the United Fruit Company.

CUTS DOWN THE FLAG WHEN "TANKED TO RIM"

HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 28.—Emile Lefevre, a Frenchman, is so good an American that he keeps the stars and stripes floating day and night above his rooftop. Filled with German beer, Scotch highballs, Italian vermouth, and Swiss-cheese sandwiches, Thomas Taylor, an American, cut the strings as he passed the Lefevre home early today and down came the flag. Roundsman O'Donohue, an Irishman, saw the traitorous deed and ran Taylor in.

"You have insulted the flag," said Recorder Stanton later in the day. "I sentence you to climb the pole and nail the banner fast." A guard of policemen accompanied Taylor to Lefevre's home, and in the presence of hundreds the culprit climbed up the forty-foot pole, nailed the bunting to the mast, and slid down again. "I didn't mean to insult the flag," he said. "It was those foreign drinks I took."

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